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Troop Trains at the Döllsbach and Potsdam Railroad StationsEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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1. On 10 July 1954, two shipments were unloaded at the Döllsbach-Döberitz railroad station at 1600 and 2000 respectively. The first shipment consisted of 13 JS-2 tanks                      1 truck with a field kitchen and jeep                      the second shipment included 7 JS-2 tanks, which left for Adler Kaserne (2063). Turret                      were seen. At 2230, several T-34 tanks                      and, at 2330, another 6 T-34 tanks passed through Rohrbeck. The tanks came from the Döllsbach-Döberitz railroad station and proceeded toward Adler and Loewen Kaserne. More tanks allegedly went in the same direction after midnight.<sup>1</sup>
2. Two troop trains were loaded at the Döllsbach-Döberitz railroad station at 0800 and 1700 on 20 July. The first shipment included 9 x 122-mm field howitzers, 9 x ZIS-3 76-mm field guns, 2 repair shop trucks, 1 jeep, 2 field kitchens, about 10 trucks                      and 11 boxcars occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets; the second shipment included 9 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 x 160-mm mortars and numerous trucks                      7 M-13 rocket launchers                      and about 35 to 40 trucks were waiting to be loaded at the railroad station. All units had come from Altes Lager (2061).<sup>2</sup>
3. At 0635 on 21 July, 6 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 7 prime movers and 8 trucks of an artillery unit were entrained at the Potsdam railroad station. The shipment was believed to have included at least 12 gun howitzers.
4. The following troops and materiel from Döllsbach Kaserne (2289) in Potsdam were loaded on 21 July: a shipment of 12 gun howitzers, 12 prime movers, 10 trucks, 4 to 6 tank trucks, 1 repair shop truck, 1 ambulance, 1 field kitchen and 8 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets at the Potsdam freight station. The train went west at 1215. A shipment of 12 gun howitzers, 12 prime movers, 1 field kitchen and about 10 trucks was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station at the same time. The departure of the train was not observed.

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1. Comment. At 1600 and 2000 on 10 July, elements of the 71st Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Altruppin were detrained. Compare with similar information on the unloading of 3 shipments with tanks of the division.

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2. Comment. 3 trains went from Dallgow-Doeberitz to Forst Zinna on 20 July. artillery units of the 1st Mech Div transferred for advanced combat practice firing.

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3. Comment. Information in paragraphs 3 and 4 confirm each other. 3 trains, probably carrying elements of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig of the 34th Arty Div, went from Potsdam to Altengrabow on 21 July.

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